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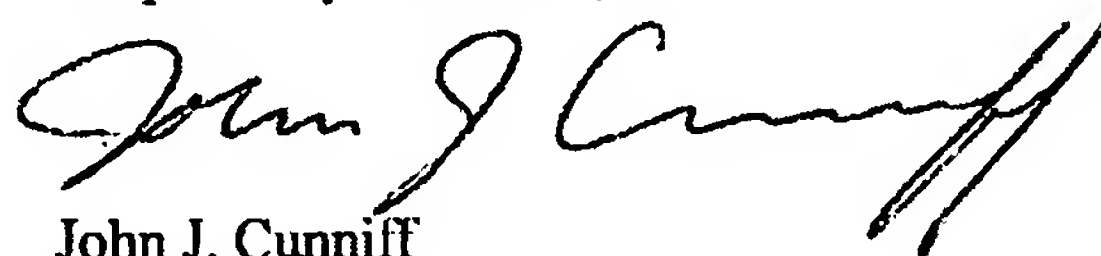
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Ser. No.: 10/559,592 Art Group: (To be assigned)  
Title: CONNECTING SYSTEM FOR CONNECTING A STENT TO A  
RADIOPAQUE MARKER AND A PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF  
A CONNECTION BETWEEN A STENT AND TWO OR MORE  
RADIOPAQUE MARKERS  
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**Statement Accompanying Response to Notification of Missing Requirements**

The outstanding Notification of Missing Requirements was mailed by the USPTO on 1 March 2006. That correspondence, however, was returned to the USPTO by the US Postal Service as undeliverable. The undersigned attorney became aware of the outstanding correspondence in the course of a periodic check of the status of the application and the Image File Wrapper (IFW) using the Patent Application Information Retrieval database. Review of the envelope in the IFW shows that the correspondence was sent in an envelope that did not contain the correct mailing address and was, in fact, blank for the delivery address (copy attached). Therefore, the period for reply to this Notification should not begin until the remailing of the correspondence (MPEP 701.13).

Therefore, no petition or fee for an extension of time is believed to be due with the filing of these papers. However, in the event that such a petition and fee is required, a conditional petition for the same is made herewith and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or to credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 15-0450.

Respectfully submitted,

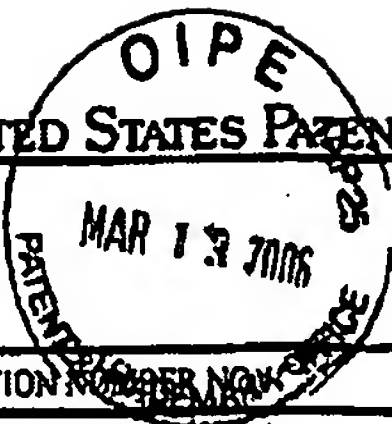


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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/02/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 12/02/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/02/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/02/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/02/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/02/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 12/02/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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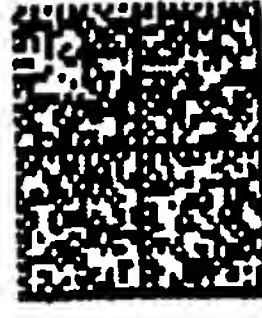
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